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Stout, 119 south 2d street. W. L. Dawley, 526 south Pine. Taylor H. Powell, 612 east Marshall. C. R. Johnson, 408 north 9th street. C. H. Hagan, corner 17th and Venable. Robt. R. Glass, 1711 east Franklin. A. Goldback, 11 east Main. The All Right Grocery, 1918 east Franklin. B. M. Davenport & Bro., 201 south Laurel. Herman Groot, 9 west Cary. W. T. Lauterbach, 434 Webster. H. B. Taylor, 920 north 17th street. Belvidere Market, 435 west Main. Miller Bros., 817 west Cary. Walter Senf, 1220 west Cary. Gilliam Green & Co., 421 west Marshall. C. E. Fleming, 222 west Broad. Wm. P. Lee, 821 west Main. J. W. Hancock, 1525 west Main. C. Lang, 301 west Leigh. Thomas W. Joseph, 2305 east Leigh. Aarons's Federal Street Market. Monroe Market, 401 west Grace. J. J. Miller, 901 west Marshall. J. Lichtenstein, 1700 east Main. H. W. Ruff, 801 north 4th street. Mrs. Wm. Bowen, 600 Graham. J. D. Dalton, 10 south Sycamore. M. Koch, 600 Reservoir. George A. Boehling, 900 west Leigh. Adam Feitig, 209 east Main. W. T. Woody, 2922 east Clay. William Tinken, 520 Louisiana avenue. <b>Hardware.</b> Harris Hardware Co., 409 east Broad. A. B. Clarke & Son, 1320 east Main. <b>Hats and Caps.</b> M. Greentree, 611 east Broad. <b>Jewelry.</b> C. Lumsden & Son, 731 east Main. D. Buchanan & Son, 111 east Broad. John F. Kohler, 715 east Broad. Jahnke Bros., 912 east Main. <b>Ladies' Furnishings.</b> The Cohen Co., 11 east Broad. <b>Laundries.</b> Virginia Steam Laundry, 714 and 716 east Broad. <b>Meat Markets.</b> H. B. Taylor, 920 north 17th street. Thomas W. Joseph, 2305 east Leigh. W. P. Briel, 1100 west Clay. Miller Bros., 817 west Cary. W. T. Hawks, 914 west Cary. C. F. Seigle, 553 Brook avenue. Wm. T. Hechler, Stall 40 Old Market. Belvidere Market, 435 west Main. Monroe Market, 401 west Grace. J. J. Gravins, Stall 17, Second Market. Charles S. Stein, Stall 35, Old Market. James E. Stansbury, Stall 40, Second Market, and 330 north 6th. J. J. King & Son, 422 west Broad. Spark & Pollard, 27 west Broad. Adam Feitig, 209 east Main. <b>Millinery.</b> M. Crighton, 209 east Broad. Mrs. S. Emms, 316 east Broad. Mrs. Julius Bear, 1521 east Main. <b>Musical Instruments.</b> The Hume-Minor Company, 825 east Broad. <b>Newspapers.</b> The Times. <b>Notions and Variety.</b> J. A. Fisher, 719 north 25th. <b>Opticians.</b> Jahnke Bros., 912 east Main. C. Lumsden & Son, 731 east Main. <b>Photographers.</b> Foster, 112 north 9th street. <b>Photo Supplies.</b> S. J. Binswanger, 709 east Broad. <b>Pianos and Organs.</b> The Hume-Minor Co., 825 east Broad. <b>Pictures and Picture Frames.</b> F. Cohen Art Store, 827 east Broad. S. J. Binswanger, 709 east Broad. <b>Plumbers.</b> J. W. Anderson & Co., 708, 710 and 712 east Main. M. Klein & Son, 620 east Broad. <b>Sheet Music.</b> The Hume-Minor Co., 825 east Broad. <b>Shirt Makers.</b> S. E. Bishop, 702 east Broad. <b>Tinware, Stoves and Ranges.</b> J. W. Anderson & Co., 708, 710 and 712 east Main. M. 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## ASK FOR TRADING STAMPS!

### HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

#### THE NORFOLK FAIR AND RACE MEETING IS WELL ATTENDED.

High Class Horses Compete and Fine Sport Furnished—Hulman Wins a Seven Heat Race—Sale of Gint.

The Inter-State Fair and race meeting of the Norfolk Driving Park Fair Association, which began at Norfolk on Tuesday, the 5th instant, and closed nine days later, was well patronized, and the daily attendance was good throughout. The race programme formed the main attraction, and the thousands that gathered on the grounds each day witnessed the highest class racing ever seen in Virginia. Nine stakes, for purses of \$1,000 each, and double that number of class races, for purses of \$200 each, with the exception of the two and three-year-old classes, totaling \$1,000 each, attracted a big list of entries, numbering over three hundred and fifty, among them some of the best campaigners and race horses of the season. As a rule, large fields of horses competed in the different classes, and the contests furnished fine sport.

Entries were received from more than a dozen States, including Louisiana, Michigan, Illinois, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and Tennessee, which was a source of gratification to President Mariner and Secretary Dillon. Though the aggregate amount offered in purses and premiums reached \$25,000, the venture was a satisfactory one, as the President, Mariner, the financial backer of the scheme, will hold a trotting meeting next spring, at which good purses will be given, and to be followed by a fair of even greater pretensions than the one just closed in the fall of 1908.

Mr. A. E. Donnan's brown gelding, Hulman, the five-year-old son of Quartermaster, from Winnie D., by Hannas, was in good form on the opening day of the Norfolk meeting, and won a great race, winning the stake for three-minute trotters, purse \$1,000, six heats of which were trotted that day, and the seventh and deciding heat on Thursday. There were seven starters, Hulman finishing third in the first and second heats, in 2:21.4 and 2:21.4, won by Guy Briggs, and first in the third heat, in 2:19.1, but a severe on the home stretch caused him to be placed last, and the heat given to Othello. Then the son of Quartermaster won the fourth and fifth heats, in 2:20.4 and 2:21.4, and finished second to Othello in the sixth in 2:21.2, when the race was carried over to the following day, and Hulman won the seventh in 2:21.4, which gave him the race. William Bass, who has trained and driven the brown gelding this season was warmly congratulated, as was Mr. Donnan, the owner. Hulman reduced his former mark of 2:21.4, three seconds in this race, and the performance indicates that this son of Quartermaster is game and able to live through a race of broken heats. Hulman was in the hands of Richard Curtis at Lexington, Ky., all during his three-year-old form, and in the first part of 1908, when four, but that able reinman was never able to get him in good shape for a race. At Norfolk Hulman trotted the first half of the third heat in 1:05.

Dr. H. B. Ferguson, of Halifax, N. C., has a string of trotters in training and some brood mares and their produce at his farm near that place. Last spring most of the farm mares were bred to Zettie, the five-year-old bay son of E. Wood and Belle of Richmond, by Daniel Lambert, owned by Dr. Ferguson. Among

the brood mares are Spider, a brown, foaled in 1905, by Odin Belle, dam Ida, by Hextel's Hambletonian. This mare was owned for several years by J. C. Smith, of this city, and became well known as a fast roadster and weight-carryer. Her three-year-old brown son, Egmont, by Eglette, is owned by Dr. Ferguson, as is her brown filly, foal of 1897, full sister to Egmont, and the mare was bred in the spring to Cadet, Lady Motion, by Motion, dam Lady, dam of Croix, 2:27, by Foot's Black Hawk and Mary D., a chestnut mare of Blue Bull, Jr. Lady Motion dropped a bay colt last spring by Eglette and was bred back. Three of Mary D.'s fillies—one, two and three years old, all by Eglette—are owned at the farm. Dr. Ferguson has in training Dr. Ware, brown gelding (5), by General Turner, dam Josie D., by Wicker; Queen Bess, brown mare (pacer), by Allambrino, Eglette and Egmont.

On the fourth day of the Norfolk meeting the bay filly Ella Leo, by Red Leo, out of Lucy S., by Young Jim, won the 2:40 class trotting, for three-year-olds, purse \$500, in straight heats. Time—2:37.2, 2:37.2, 2:38. She was driven by Thomas Cannon, who has had her in his stable since early in the season. Ella Leo was bred and is now the property of Mr. Samuel Walton, Falls Mills, Va., who owns her sire and dam. The latter, Lucy S., is also the dam of the promising young mares Maggie Carroll (4), and Lottie Dawson (6), both by Jack Dawson, son of Director, that have been campaigned this season by Mr. Walton.

The chestnut gelding, Ackerland, owned jointly by A. E. Donnan, of this city, and Richard Curtis of Lexington, Ky., was in great form at the Illinois State Fair, at Springfield, September 25th, and won the 2:15 class, trotting, defeating a field of eight good horses. It required six heats to decide the contest, and the son of Warlock, with Curtis behind him, won the third, fourth and sixth heats. In the third heat—the fastest of the race—Ackerland reduced his record to 2:13.4.

William Hoppe, of Baltimore, owner of the bay mare Belle Ferguson, 2:28 1/2, by Ferguson out of Bonnie, that was shipped to Kentucky, this season and bred to Garbetta Wilkes, looks for good results from that cross. Belle Ferguson owned her record at the trot, but later was shifted to pacing and could show very fast at that gait. She was formerly owned by Mr. George D. Bennett, of Goldsboro, N. C., from whom she passed to Mr. Hoppe.

W. G. Bryan, Avoca Farm, Richmond, Va., has sold to John Reamer, of Philadelphia, the four-year-old brown gelding Gint, 2:21 1/2, by Quartermaster, dam Winnie D., by Hannas. Gint is full brother to Hulman, 2:20 1/4, and was bred by the late Charles P. Stokes, of this city.

will be started in some races this fall. Stamboul, the five-year-old bay son of Stamboul from Escari, by Director, second dam the famous producing mare Bianca, is proving himself quite a race horse this season and has trotted to a record of 2:38 3/4. He was a factor in the 2:22 class, trotting at Norfolk, winning the first heat in 2:21 1/4 and standing for third money in the summary. Stamboul, then known as Bodeo, was purchased as a yearling by Mr. John L. Roper, of Norfolk, for about \$1,500. He was kept at Foxhall Farm for two or three years and then sold at auction in New York for about one-tenth of his original cost as he lacked size and his speed had not been developed. He was purchased by the Belle Meade Stock Farm, New Jersey, and has developed into a handsome, well-finished horse. Trainer Thomas, who has him in charge looks for the son of Stamboul and Bianca to make a great horse next season.

Smyth Brothers & Kline, of the Southern Horse Bazaar, will offer at auction on Wednesday next a clever lot of harness, road, saddle and general purpose horses, among them a lot of fine drivers from Turkey & Smith, Crutcher, Ky. Included among the list of offerings will be the handsome black colt Mayo, three-year-old, by Rupee, 2:21, out of Winnie D., dam of Hulman, 2:20 1/4, and Gint, 2:21 1/2. Mayo was a winner in his two-year-old form and is bred right for a campaigner and money winner.

Robert Bradley's crack two-year-old, the chestnut colt Traverser, son of imp. Rossington from Betsy Brouck, retains his winning form and continues to increase his owners' bank account. At Harlem on the 5th instant Traverser won the six and one half furlong handicap in a walk; time, 1:19 3/4, which equals the Illinois record for the distance. There were seven starters and Traverser finished eight lengths ahead of the field.

Dr. Thomas M. Sweeney, who graduated, that was sold last spring by Dr. S. P. Rinary College, winning the gold medal for best general examination, and other prizes, and has since been practicing veterinary surgery here, has succeeded to the practice of the late Dr. W. H. Harbaugh.

The erratic bay gelding, Robert Burns, whose breeding thus far remains untraced, that was sold last spring by Dr. S. T. Nicholson, Washington, N. C., to his present owner, William Hoppe, Baltimore, got third money in the 2:17 trot at Pimlico and reduced his record from 2:17 1/4 to 2:14 1/4. The bay gelding has quite a turn of speed, but is thoroughly unreliable and when he makes a break is apt to catch the flag.

S. B. Nelson shipped nineteen horses to New York last week, and while there will put up at the American Horse Exchange and sell a portion of the lot at W. D. Grand's sale on Tuesday. The shipment included the bay mare Jolly Maid, full sister to Lucy Ashby, 2:21 1/2, by Jolly Friar.

The chestnut gelding Foxhall won the two-year-old class, trotting, with great ease at Norfolk. He was unsteady in the first heat won in 2:57 by the brown colt Schuade, son of Norval and Gladys, by Alcantara, but romped home the second heat in 2:30 1/4, and was pulled up and walked under the wire in the third in 2:32 1/4. Foxhall was bred and is owned by Mr. John L. Roper, at Foxhall Farm near Norfolk. He was sired by Mr. Roper's stallion, Great Stakes, 2:26, dam Sue Norfolk, by Norfolk, son of Norfolk.

trots, purse \$1,000, at Norfolk on Monday, with Albert C., and defeated a field of eight horses with ease. It was a straight heat victory for the golden son of Clay, whose dam is by Signet, 2:37 1/4. He trotted the first heat in 2:16, which it began to rain, and over a heavy track the bay gelding stepped off the second and third heats in 2:20 1/2 and 2:21 1/2. This season's Grand Circuit winner, the black gelding, Aldrich, that trotted to a record of 2:12 1/4, in a winning race in the summary; Little Toe, 2:19 1/4, by Pamlico, for third, and John L. Roper's good bay stallion, Great Stakes, 2:20, for fourth. Albert C. has been campaigned for three seasons by Bryan, and is now a better horse than ever, and can lower his record of 2:16 1/2, earned in the 2:20 trot, won by him at the recent Pimlico meeting, several seconds.

#### Origin of the Postage Stamp.

The incident which resulted in the invention of the postage stamp was a curious one. A traveler journeying through the north of England chanced to reach the door of an inn just as a postman stopped to deliver a letter. The young girl for whom it was intended came out to receive it. She turned it over and over in her hands and asked the price of the postage. The price demanded was a shilling, and as the girl was poor she returned it to the postman, saying that it was from her brother, but that she had not that amount of money. The traveler, in spite of her protest, paid the money to the postman, and handed the letter to the young girl, who admitted that she and her brother had arranged by certain marks upon the letter that the other should know that the writer was in good health and prospering.

"We are so poor," she added, "that we were forced to invent this way of letting each other know of our welfare." The traveler continued on his way asking himself if a system giving rise to such frauds was not a vicious one.

The sun had not set before Roland Hill (each was the trader's name) had planned to organize the postal service on a new basis. His views found favor with the English Government, and on January 10, 1840, the first postage stamp was issued and a postal system started by which not more than a penny was paid for letters which circulated over the whole extent of the British Isles. This bold scheme surpassed the wildest hopes of the legislators.

Ten years later, in 1850, the number of letters increased from 1,500,000 to 7,230,982.

#### A Church Built of One Tree.

In Santa Rosa, Sonoma county, Cal., there is a church built entirely of one redwood tree. The church is the First Baptist church. There is not a piece of wood used in it a foot square that came from any but the one tree. This even includes the seats, the pulpit, and all other furniture. The church is finished inside in wood instead of plaster. Besides all this, over 60,000 shingles have been taken from the tree. In Mendocino county, Cal., there is a tree that has kept three men busy two whole years cutting it up into shingles. Other redwoods have been known to yield 300,000 feet of lumber, which is more than is obtained from twenty pines. It is said, however, that unless some means of preserving the redwoods is discovered the supply will be practically exhausted within thirty years.—New York Evening Journal.

### THE DEADLIEST WEAPON.

#### A Spanish Machete That Has Killed Five Hundred Cubans.

#### NOW IN A PRIVATE COLLECTION

Brought to Port by a Cadet Who Got It as a Precious Souvenir From a Spanish Officer—Notched on Cuban Skulls.

The deadliest weapon in the world is in possession of an innocent resident of New York city. H. L. V. Parkhurst, the well-known magazine and newspaper artist, who has a studio in a skyscraper on Nassau street, was presented with it yesterday, and will place it on private exhibition to-morrow.

Mr. Parkhurst is a peaceful young man, whom you would scarcely expect to be in possession of such a deadly instrument, point, and is kept always as keen as a razor.

Although the machete is an old instrument, mention of it having been made in the Old Testament, it has never been used to any extent by any other nation than the Spanish. Others have tried it and cast it aside as too bulky and hard to learn. The Spanish, however, inherit the love for the machete, and from boyhood they fight their duels and battles alike with it. There are three deadly blows to be given with the machete. One is across the temples, from the top of the skull downward in a quick slant; another is a cut under the chin, upward; and the third is ahead slash which beheads a man at a blow. A blow thrusts from the machete is always fatal, owing to the breadth of the knife, which necessarily makes a cut half a foot wide. It is such a heavy weapon that one blow lays a man open, and such a thing as a stab with a machete is unknown. It cuts at all its cuts clean open.

This particular sword was brought to New York by a cadet—James Edwards—who is training to be a captain upon the Red D. liner Philadelphia. The ship runs to the island of Curacao and to Porto Cabello and La Guaira. It takes in all the ports of Venezuela and touches at Cuba. On a recent trip Mr. Edwards landed on the island and made a journey inland, where he formed the acquaintance of a Spanish captain. And this is the story he writes about the instrument:

### THE CADET'S STORY.

This machete was given to me by a captain in the Spanish army. He said it had killed quite a number of "snow-balls," or Cubans—more than he wanted to own up to—300 at least, and from all appearances he was right, for it was covered with scars.

We consider anything of that kind a relic, but in Cuba they do not think of relics now, and you can get any number of machetes for the small sum of a quarter each. Machete is pronounced like ma-chet-e, in three syllables.

The new machete costs one dollar. The Spanish are the most skilled in the use of these weapons and are so deaf that they can easily disarm a man with a revolver, if he has any of his wits about him.

Stuttgart, celluloid has been found an excellent substitute for plaster of paris as a splint material. On account of its weight and its proneness to become foul by absorbing sweat, etc., plaster of paris has not been very much liked. A wide mouthed bottle is packed for about a quarter of its height by celluloid cut into small pieces and then covered with acetone. It is provided with an airtight stopper to guard against evaporation. From time to time it is opened and the contents are stirred with a stick. The celluloid dissolving in course of time. A plaster cast of the diseased or injured part is covered with a moderately thick layer of felt or flannel and the celluloid solution is rubbed into this with the hands, which are protected by leather gloves. This is then applied to the injured member.—Chicago Chronicle.

THE DEADLIEST WEAPON. A Spanish Machete That Has Killed Five Hundred Cubans. NOW IN A PRIVATE COLLECTION. Brought to Port by a Cadet Who Got It as a Precious Souvenir From a Spanish Officer—Notched on Cuban Skulls.

THIS SPANISH MACHETE KILLED FIVE HUNDRED CUBANS. (In the collection of Artist Parkhurst.)

him. They can catch a bullet on the blade of the knife, and while running up to the man can ward off the pistol shots. As soon as they are in striking distance of him they slash off his revolver arm. Very few guns are used in the Cuban war. The Cubans do not care for them and prefer the machete, which only needs to be kept sharp. These swords are made in England, out of the best Birmingham steel, and were taken to Cuba in time of peace by British soldiers, and sold everywhere. None can be landed at present. If they do it is a case of filibustering, and they must be landed by stealth. They are not sold in stores any more, and you cannot buy a machete short of Venezuela. The Spanish government now controls all of the machetes on the island, and the Cubans cannot buy them.

People in this country are afraid of a big sword, but in Cuba you see mothers handing them to their children to play with and you hear army officers telling little boys to sharpen up the knife for them.

It is a deadly way of fighting, as you will agree when you see a real machete. But you cannot kill as many with it as you can with cannon.

JAMES EDWARDS, Red D. Liner Philadelphia. In port Oct. 1. Celluloid Used for Splints. In the Medico Mechanical Institute, at

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